



# *Share the Road with Bicycles!*

Bicycles are vehicles, just like automobiles, busses, and trucks, and bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as the drivers of any other vehicle.

In 2004 there were 1,155 reported bicycle-motor vehicle crashes in Wisconsin in which 1,107 people were injured and 14 were killed. You can help reduce the number of bicycle-motor vehicle crashes and fatalities by remembering...

## *These important traffic rules:*

- » Give the bicyclist at least 3 feet of clearance when passing.
- » When turning left, watch for and yield to oncoming bicyclists just as you would yield to oncoming motorists.
- » When turning right, yield to any bicyclist traveling on your right. Do not try to pass a bicyclist if you are planning to turn right at the next intersection or driveway.
- » Be aware of children riding bicycles. A child riding in the street may suddenly swerve in front of you or a child on the sidewalk may suddenly ride out in front of you.
- » Bicyclists are permitted to ride two abreast on any street if other traffic is not impeded.
- » Bicyclists must ride on the right, in the same direction as other traffic.
- » Bicyclists passing a parked, stopped or moving vehicle are also required to give at least 3 feet of clearance.

*Courtesy, common sense and following the rules can make roads safer for everyone.*

*Kids  
Count on  
You*

# ***Wisconsin child passenger safety laws***

## ***Car seats and seat belts:***

All children under 4 years old must be *properly* secured in an approved child safety seat while riding in a motor vehicle. Children 4 through 7 years old must be buckled in a child safety seat or seat belt.

**Exceptions:** Children riding in a motor bus, school bus, taxicab, moped, motorcycle or vehicles not required to be equipped with safety belts.

**Note:** Passenger-side airbags can cause serious injury or death to infants in rear-facing child safety seats. The safest place for all children in automobiles is to be properly secured in the back seat.



## ***Riding in the back of pickup trucks:***

It is illegal to operate a pickup truck (or other truck with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less) with children under age 16 riding in the open cargo bed.

**Exceptions:** A truck being operated in conjunction with farm operations; a truck operating in a parade sanctioned by a local municipality; a truck transporting licensed deer hunters during the authorized deer-gun season.

## ***More information on car seats:***

More than 50 percent of child safety seats are used incorrectly. For information on proper car seat use and car seat brands/models most compatible with your vehicles, or to register a seat for notification of product recalls, call: **1-866-511-WINS**.



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